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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the originally filed Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

The invention describes an optical waveguide and a fiberoptic isolator wherein the optical waveguide rotating the plane of polarization of coupled light consists of a fiber core (11) exhibiting the Faraday effect, a fiber cladding (3) and a coating (5) concentrically surrounding the YIG-doped fiber core (11) and generating a permanent magnetic field. The outer coating (5) is manufactured from a material that is magnetizable or has magnetic properties, and the outer coating (5) is subdivided into two half-shells whose magnetic orientations are mutually opposed.